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Cavalry to Contribute Equal-
ly to Squadrons.

While All Field Batteries In
Dominion May Be Repre-
sented in Artillery.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The second continent for Africa is has been decided will consist of squadrons of Mounted Rifles to the total of 531 men of all ranks, and 536 horses; three batteries of field artillery, total 513 of all ranks and 393 horses. One-half the mounted men will be drawn from the Mounted Police, and the other half from the cavalry regiments of the Dominion. Similarly the artillery will be drawn from the seventeen field batteries, from Winnipeg to Sydney. Recruiting stations will be opened at all regimental headquarters. No officers have yet been appointed. The Parisian has been selected as one of the transports. The government will pay the men the difference in rates between Imperial and Canadian pay. Four nurses will be taken. A large number of horses will have to be bought, and Mr. Barth, M. P., has been asked to undertake this task.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The cheerful and enthusiastic response of Canadians to the second call for troops for the Transvaal finds emphatic echo at Stanley barracks, where "A" squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, are stationed. Every man of the squadron heard the news of the regiment's probable despatch to the front with great satisfaction, and the disappointment they felt at being unable to go with the first contingent has now faded away. As yet no official notification has reached the officers of the Dragoons regarding their despatch.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—Lieut.-Col. McLaren has sent word to the militia authorities at Ottawa that his services are at their disposal should more officers be required to go to South Africa.

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and Bedsteads; Cudery; Glass
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38,000 TREASURY MINES (Surprise, Texas).	1/2
2,104 NEST EGG-FIRE FLY	1
1,000 MOLLY GIBSON	35
2,000 RATHMULLEN (Boundary). . . .	7
3,000 RATHMULLEN (Boundary). . . .	8
1,000 RANCHO (Deno).	2
3,000 VICTORIA-TEXADA	28
1,000 BRANDON & GOLDEN CROWN	30
100 MOUNT SICKER (Lemora).	4.85
2,000 BELL-CARIBOO	5.50
1,000 PAYNE	15
1,000 ATHABASCA	1.07
3,000 CARIBOO of Camp McKinley. . . .	1

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REBELS OPPOSE GATACRE. Dutch of the Colony Form Large Proportion of Boer Forces at Stormberg

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail pub-
lishes the following despatch from Cape-
town, dated Saturday, December 16.
"The Boers intend to make a big stand
at Stormberg and are massing a great
force at the abandoned bridge. The
commando of 2,000 consists chiefly of
rebel Dutch."

CANADIANS AT BELMONT.

Private Message Reported Them All
Well There on Tuesday.

St. John, Dec. 20.—Col. McLean has
received a cable message from his son,
Lieut. Weldon McLean, with the Cana-
dian contingent. The message is dated
Belmont, December 19, and reads:
"Canadians all well." It is supposed
that the Canadians have had a brush.

BRITISH STRENGTH ON LAND.

With Largest Army Ever Marshalled
There Is Ample Force Still
in Reserve.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Tribune, re-
ferring editorially to the plans adopted
by the war office for reinforcing the Brit-
ish army now in South Africa, says:

"Mr. Wyndham's present programme, to
which he has set himself with char-
acteristic zeal and efficiency, is a formid-
able one. It involves sending to the
scene of war two of the three foremost
commanders in the service, with by far
the largest army ever assembled under
the British flag in any war, and the en-
rollment of nearly half a million men
with the colors, over and above the entire
standing army. That will place
Great Britain among the great military
powers on land as well as on sea."

"Some are saying that it is unneces-
sary, and that in the panic caused by dis-
aster, the government is losing its head
and is going to extremes. We should
rather say it has found its head. It real-
izes that the force attacking a fortified
position should be numerically much
superior to the defending force, and it
proposes sending to South Africa an
army that will sustain that relation to
the Boers. It realizes, too, that it is
timely for Great Britain to show the
world that she is not taxed to her utmost
to suppress the Afrikaner insurrection,
but has an ample force still in reserve.

ATLANTIC MAIL.

New Arrangements Made Necessary by
Use of Steamers for Army
Transports.

London, Dec. 20.—The post office has
issued a notice to the effect that owing to
the Majestic, the Britannic and the
Cymric being taken as transports, no
White Star Line steamers will go to New

York from December 27 to January 3.
Letters for the United States and Cana-
da will not be despatched December 27.

Letters posted next week will be for-
warded by a Cunard Line steamer Decem-
ber 30. The mid-week mails will be
forwarded by the North German
Lloyd steamer Teave January 3.

IMPERIAL VOLUNTEERS.

Suggestion of Citizens Fund to Aug-
ment the Government Allowance for
Equipment.

London, Dec. 20.—Mr. A. J. Batfour in
his unofficial capacity has written to the
Earl of Haddington, dwelling upon the
importance of the movement to raise
Yeomanry and Volunteer forces for ser-
vice in South Africa. He suggests and
offers to assist a public fund to augment
the necessarily limited allowance made to
the men by the government for equip-
ment.

LORENZO MARQUES THE KEY.

Burglers Anxious Lest Receipt of Sup-
plies by That Port Should Be
Stopped.

London, Dec. 21.—The Madrid corre-
spondent of the Standard says: "The
Boer government has recently intimated
to the agents in Europe its readiness to
be moderate in regard to peace condi-
tions. The chief anxiety of the burghers
is as to the question of receiving supplies
via Lorenzo Marques."

GERMAN EMPEROR'S INTEREST.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Emperor William is
said to exhibit the keenest personal con-
cerning the war in South Africa and es-
pecially the fate of the British troops.
Each day he receives despatches showing
the latest losses and then he com-
municates to the German princes who,
like himself, have blood ties with Eng-
land.

OVERHAULED BY CRUISER.

Madrid, Dec. 19.—The Spanish steamer
Cudad de Cadiz which has just arrived
at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, from
Cadiz, reports that she was pursued and
overhauled last Saturday by a British
cruiser, which fired guns compelling her
to heave to, interrogated her

Where Are Buller's Guns?

Doubtful Whether Boers Ever Secured Those Abandoned at Tugela River.

Unconfirmed Durban Report of Their Recovery in Midnight Selly.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 20.—It still seems doubtful whether the guns Gen. Buller abandoned at Colenso are in possession of the Boers. An Associated Press despatch filed the evening of the battle states that the guns were covered by heavy guns of Gen. Hildyard's brigade, occupying an entrenched position. The despatch adds that the Boers had thus far not attempted to cross the river to carry off the guns.

Advices to the Associated Press from Pretoria of the same date were that the official despatch reported 2 guns, 13 wagons and a quantity of ammunition captured, besides 208 prisoners.

A despatch from Durban dated December 16 says: "It is rumored Gen. Buller called for volunteers to recover the abandoned guns, that a party issued from camp after midnight and brought in the guns, which were uninjured."

QUARTER MILLION SHELLS.

Germany Delighted to Furnish Them to British But Won't Allow Recruit- ing of Her Peasants.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The district court of Hamburg has just issued an order for the arrest of an alleged British agent, named York who was hiring a number of German peasants in the neighborhood for military service, which under the Imperial law is a criminal offense. There is nothing, however, to interfere with Herr Krupp in the manufacture of steel shells for the British army. An Essex local paper announces that 250,000 such shells are being made on a "rush" order and that the men are working night and day.

TO EXHIBIT AT PARIS.

London, Dec. 18.—The executive committee of the royal commission on the Paris exposition held at meeting to-day at Marlborough House, the Prince of Wales presiding. It is understood that though there have been received a few minor withdrawals of exhibits on account of the abuse of the Queen by certain French journals, it is not likely that serious results will follow as far as the British exhibit is concerned.

JOHANNESBURG REFUGEES.

London, Dec. 20.—Mr. Joseph Kirkland of Chicago, accompanied by his sister, has arrived in London from Johannesburg, whence they had to flee with other refugees, despite their Boer sympathies.

GERMAN NAVAL STATIONS.

Efforts of Immediate Future to Be Directed to Their Acquisition.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—In Count Von Buelow's speech last week occurred a passage indicating Germany's need of a number of points d'appui and coaling stations for the German navy. This passage was purposely worded cautiously, the meaning being somewhat veiled so as not to attract the suspicions of other nations, but there is the best authority for the statement that Germany's aims during the next few years will be earnestly directed to the acquisition of a number of such points in parts of the world where German war vessels in time of actual hostility would need them, particularly in the Far East, the Antilles, Central America, South America and Polynesia.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKES.

London, Dec. 20.—A special despatch from Berlin says: "Sharp earthquake shocks were felt about 9 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) morning in the Rhenish district between Frankfurt and Wiesbaden. The houses were shaken and the people rushed wildly into the open air. No loss of life is reported."

LIBERAL SUCCEEDS LIBERAL.

London, Dec. 20.—In the parliamentary election held to-day in Glackman and Kinross to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of the Right Hon. John Blair Balfour to be Lord Justice of Scotland, Mr. E. Watson, Liberal and Radical, defeated his Unionist opponent, Mr. G. Younger, by 516 votes. Mr. Watson's majority is 29 less than that by which Mr. Balfour carried the constituency at the last general election against Mr. Younger.

CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS.
Enthusiasts Waiting at All Points for the Recruiting Offices to Open.

Edmonton, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The news that the government intends to raise 500 mounted men in the West, composed of Mounted Police and cowboys, has raised the war feeling hereabouts to enthusiasm. As soon as a recruiting office is opened there will be a rush to volunteer, and the authorities will have the finest material to choose from.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—Fifty Dalhousie students are volunteers for the second contingent. The Halifax bearer corps has volunteered in a body. Seven militia officers and 60 men have already handed their names to Col. Irving, the D. O. C.

PREMIER GREENWAY'S EXIT.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—C. W. D. Clifford, M. P. P. for Cassiar, attended the meeting of the Board of Trade last night and spoke in favor of the Skeena route to the Omineca. Senator Reed also spoke, favoring the road being built via Quesnel. The board decided to take further time to consider the matter. A petition to the government for road from Squamish to Pemberton was endorsed by the board.

FILIPINOS VANQUISHED.

So Confesses a Member of the Cabinet Who Thinks Little More Trouble in Store.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Mabini, formerly a member of the Filipino cabinet, and considered one of the strongest and brainiest followers of the insurgents, said to a correspondent of the Associated Press: "The future peace of the Philippines depends entirely upon the form of government the Americans establish. We are vanquished because we lacked food and munitions and mismanaged our affairs. The spirit of independence is craving recognition. The individuality of the Filipino people still lives. If the government eventually established here is liberal, secure and free, the satisfaction and contentment of the people will result and there will be no more trouble."

The Panay insurgents are being driven off the island by Gen. Hughes and passing to Negros, where they are creating trouble.

THE HAGUE PROPOSALS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The President to-day sent to the senate the treaty negotiated by the Powers at The Hague last July for the pacific settlement of disputes between nations. The President's message was a formal letter of transmittal, except that it invited attention to the accompanying report from the secretary of state urging immediate action of the senate.

The Hague, Dec. 20.—The Japanese minister on behalf of the Mikado has signed all the conventions of the international peace conference. A Chinese envoy from St. Petersburg is expected to sign certain declarations for the Chinese government, excluding the laws of war.

TURBULENT SAMOANS.

Slight Disturbance Over Measures to Enforce Collection of Poll Tax.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Advices received here to-day say Apia, Samoa, say slight disturbance occurred at the village of Lautuvu, owing to depredations upon the property of three chiefs who were expelled for refusing to pay the poll tax imposed by the consuls of the dredge.

The consuls have demanded that the guilty parties be sent to Apia for punishment, which has been promised.

HAVANA CUSTOMS FRAUDS.

Nine Appraisers Under Arrest for Conspiracy to Defraud Government.

Havana, Dec. 20.—A sensation was caused in Havana this afternoon by the arrest of nine of the chief appraisers of the custom house staff on the charge of being in collusion with many Havana merchants to swindle the government out of large sums. It is believed that thousands of dollars have been corruptly diverted.

HELD FOR SHOOTING.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 20.—Henry F. Corbett, who was arrested on suspicion of having shot the Rev. David B. Cheney and wife, two weeks ago, was taken before the Cheneys to-day and positively identified as the man.

GERMAN PRESS LAWS.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Germany imparts her peculiar press laws to her colonies. Herr Eggers, editor of the Deutsche Asiat Warte, in Kien Chon, has been sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment for indulging in criticism of the authorities.

BARBADOES' EXPORTS.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The German federal council has discontinued the favored nations privileges to products from the island of Barbadoes, British West Indies.

Vancouver's

News Budget.
Omineca Routes Before Board of Trade—Decision Renewed In Card Cases.
Sir Charles to Visit Boundary—The Labor Candidate for Mayoralty.

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OHIO COLLEGE BURNED.

Main Building of Buchel College Destroyed With Several Annexes.

Akron, Ohio, Dec. 20.—The main building of Buchel College, including all the laboratories, library, men's and women's dormitories, were burned to the ground to-night. The fire started in the dormitory about 5 o'clock, and spread to the other parts of the building rapidly. Much of the personal property of the students and a large number of valuable books from the library were saved. The loss is fully \$100,000, with \$65,000 insurance.

CANADIANS IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 19.—Intense enthusiasm for Anglo-American friendship and interest in Great Britain's cause in South Africa was shown to-night at the annual dinner of the Canadian Society at the Hotel St. Andrew. The friendship between the American and British people was the keynote of every toast, and always evoked enthusiasm. Women attended the dinner for the first time in the society's history.

EMINENT MUSICIAN'S DEATH.

New York, Dec. 20.—Cable advices received here to-day announce the death in Dublin on Tuesday of Prof. J. W. Glover, the eminent musician. He was born in Dublin 80 years ago, and gained world-wide prominence from the edition of Moore's Melodies, which he harmonized and edited. Among his numerous compositions were an oratorio, "St. Patrick's Tapestry," "The Deserter," "Village," an opera founded on "Oliver Goldsmith's poem, and an ode to Daniel. He was for many years organist of the cathedral in Dublin.

POISONING TRIAL.

New York, Dec. 19.—The cross-examination of Wm. J. Kinsey, the handwriting expert, in the trial of Roland B. Martin, was completed this afternoon. The attorney for the defense has been unable to shake Mr. Kinsey's confidence that the hand of Roland B. Molineux penned the address on the famous poison package.

MARCONI IN COMERCE.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The Toledo Ann Arbor and North Michigan Railway Co. to-day signed a contract with the Marconi wireless telegraph in connection with the ferry line across Lake Michigan and between Frankfort and Menominee.

GAMBLING ON HORSES.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 20.—The law to "prohibit bookmaking or pool selling on horse racing and other forms of gambling" was decided constitutional by the Supreme court to-day.

A RASCAL TURK.

Marseilles, Dec. 20.—Mahmud Pasha, the Sultan's son-in-law who recently fled from Constantinople with his wife's jewels and all the money he could collect, has arrived here. The Turkish government telegraphed to the French minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcas, asking for the arrest of the fugitive on his reaching French territory but the authorities here have thus far not interfered.

CALIFORNIA'S EARLY DAYS.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 20.—The celebration of the golden jubilee of the founding of California's government began here to-day. To-day's proceedings were a reproduction of the inauguration of Peter H. Burnett, first governor of the state. The late Governor Burnett was taken by his son, who read the original inaugural address delivered on that occasion.

OCEANIC OVERDUE.

Queenstown, Dec. 20.—Some anxiety is felt regarding the White Star steamer Oceanic, Capt. Cameron, which left New York December 13. She is 30 hours overdue.

SPIRITUALISM—Arrival of Raymond, Bay Medium. Free! Ladies call and be conduced of a life beyond the grave. Readings from 1 till 5 p.m.; circle to-night; spirit manifestations face to face with your spirit friends. Begin at 8 sharp. 93 Douglass street. Parlors 17, the Sterling.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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PROVINCIAL ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS DAY

The usual Christmas donations of all kinds will be thankfully received at the Hospital, or if intending donors will kindly drop a postal card to Mr. Robert Jenkins, the House Stewart, he will send to any address named and gladly take charge of any gifts.

NOTICE

TO SHIPWRECKERS AND CARPENTERS: Mr. Turp's shipyard, Central being advertised by the owners as a non-nanol shipyard, until further notice members of this association decline to work on any vessel handled at the above yard.

Signed)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SHIPWRECKERS AND CAULKERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA AND ESQUIMALT.

Estate of Frederick Williams, Deceased

Late of 2 Superior Street, Victoria.

All persons having claims against the above estate are requested to present the same to us and all persons indebted to the deceased to us forthwith.

CRIMES & CRISES—Solicitors for the Executrix.

17th December, 1899.

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL CULTURE.

Mrs. D. R. Harris has commenced her classes in the Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street. Classes for children on Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m., beginning December 2nd.

Private classes for ladies and gentlemen by arrangement. For terms apply to 42 Superior street. Cultivation for the chest a specialty.

TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on Wednesday, December 27th, for the supply of beer, aerated waters, groceries, tobacco, con., etc., commencing on January 1st, 1899, to the New Canadian Hotel, Esquimalt. Tenders must be for the part or whole. The lowest tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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Chilliwack Ferry Scheme

By-Law Discussed in the City
Council and Passed to
Second Reading.

The Mayor and Alderman
Hayward Secure an
Amendment.

After two hours' consideration of the principle involved, the city council last evening ordered without division the second reading of the Victoria & Sidney Rail Extension By-law, otherwise known as the Chilliwack scheme. It was forthwith sent into committee, with the mayor in the chair, and two sections of the agreement had been disposed of prior to the adjournment necessitated by the time limit under the rules being reached. The committee will resume its labors on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock.

ALD. BECKWITH,

In resuming the debate upon his motion, seconded by Ald. Stewart, for the second reading of the by-law carrying before the ratepayers what is known as the Chilliwack railway project, Victoria & Sidney Rail was mentioned. Ald. Beckwith contended that no one could fail to realize the manifold advantages according to Victoria through the carrying out of the works contemplated. The scheme had been vigorously discussed both in the press and on the platform during several months past, and in all the consideration of the subject the only objection raised had been with respect to the financing of the proposed road—and this objection had not received very strong support, as indicated by the fact that the petitions had received the signatures of many property owners. To come down to the benefits derivable from the scheme, it would be apparent to anyone acquainted with the geographical and trade conditions of the province that Victoria's great opportunity in reaching out for business is by way of the Fraser valley and thence to the Kootenay mining camps. It had indeed been a great calamity for Victoria that the opportunity of securing a connection to the coast had not been taken advantage of these years ago, and in this connection the Alderman instanced the operation of the "Gowline" line as an illustration—that road having been completed, when a road to the Coast could have been secured, giving a practical monopoly of the Kootenay trade to the merchants of Vancouver and the East, Victoria being shut off from the profits of the interior mining camps. Freight to-day was being laid down in the Kootenay cities from the East at lower rates than could be secured from the Coast. Under the present project, when the road should have been built and the contemplated connections become a fact, it would be a short time before the road would be connected with some other line entering the Boundary country, giving Victoria a competitive line and a second transcontinental line with the use of one of the American systems. No right against the Canadian Pacific was contemplated in the project—the intention was merely to secure an independent road by which Victoria might obtain connection, not only with the Mainland and one of the transcontinental roads, but with all. No one of the transcontinental would have a preference; none would have cause to feel antagonistic. All would be on an equal footing, and Victoria would therefore be certain to make most advantageous terms. Shippers would insist upon getting their goods forwarded by the line making the best delivery in unbroken cars, and each of the railway lines would naturally come to the terms, as it was business all the time looking for. Under the new road Victoria would be able to have their Eastern freight routed by the Grand Trunk, via its Western connection, the Great Northern. And this being the case both the Canadian Pacific and it to that extent that it would very quickly ask for and obtain equal facilities by the road and ferry—each and all would be only too willing to give in, and as a natural result the earnings of the road would be fit to that extent that it would very quickly become a paying concern. Next Ald. Beckwith closed his debate, and the by-law passed its second reading.

IN COMMITTEE.

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is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Heals the ulcers, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the throat and permanently cures Catarh, Catarrh and Fever. Order from dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

PRODUCE AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—Dec. 35c. May 60c. July 62c. Corn—Dec. 30c. May 30c. July 32c. Oats—Dec. 22c. May 23c.

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C.P.N. Co., Ltd., Steamers
will leave Turner Beeton & Co.'s wharf for

Dyea Skagway Wrangell
(Carrying Her Majesty's Mails) as follows:

"DANUBE," Dec. 20.
"TEES" Dec. 27.

At 8 o'clock p.m.

AND FROM VICTORIA ON FOLLOWING DAYS.

For freight and passage apply at the office of the company, 44 Wharf street, Victoria, B. C. The company reserves the right of changing this time table & by time without notification.

ESQUIMALT NANAIMO RAILWAY CO.

STEAMER
City of Nanaimo
Sails from

Victoria for Nanaimo Tuesday 7 a.m.
Nanaimo for Comox Wednesday 7 a.m.
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Calling at way ports as freight and passengers may offer.

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This was only what the company had stated their intention of securing—\$300,000 in the way of cash subsidies from Dominion and Provincial governments, \$100,000 from interested municipalities, and \$100,000 by private subscription for stock. There was a spirited opposition to the insertion of this amount by Ald. Stewart and Beckwith, but it ultimately prevailed—the Mayor and Ald. Hayward standing together in defense of the position.

One or two other less important amendments were introduced and the committee rose at the second section, to sit again on Tuesday next.

THE DEAD DRUMMER.

"One of the drummers killed was a native of a village near Castbridge."

They threw in Drummer Hodge, to rest unconfined—just as found.

His landmark is a kope-crest.

That breaks the veldt around;

And foreign constellations rest

Each night above his mound.

II.

Young Hodge, the drummer, never knew—

Fresh from his Wessex home—

The meaning of the broad karoo,

The bush, the dusty loan,

And why uprose the mighty view

Strange stars amid the gloam.

III.

Yet portion of that unknown plain

W.H. Hodge forever lost;

His homely Northern breast and brain

Grow up a Southern tree,

And strange-eyed constellations reign

His stars, eternally.

—Thomas Hardy, in Literature.

REMOVAL
SALE...
at
43 Fort St.
For Two Weeks Only!

DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELLERY,
SILVERWARE, CLOCKS.
Large reductions in all lines.
J. WENGER,
JEWELLER,
43 Fort St.

Will remove to new store formerly occupied by us 90 Gov. St.

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THE WAR.

In the absence of definite information from the seat of war, it is hardly worth while speculating upon what is transpiring there.

Accounts of the battle of Tugela are coming in very slowly, and judgment ought to be reserved as to the responsibility for the repulse until details have been received. It is not pleasant to be told that our forces were taken by surprise. We shall look with anxiety for the explanation that may be offered.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

According to the theory of constitutional government the ministry for the time being must enjoy the confidence of the crown or its representative. Only by the most violent stretch of the imagination can it be supposed that the gentlemen composing the government of British Columbia have the confidence of the Lieutenant-Governor. Mr. Semlin is nominally Premier, but every one knows that he is not Premier in fact. Mr. Cotton absorbs two offices, and is in fact the whole government, yet unless "common rumor is a common liar" Mr. Cotton never was persona grata with the Lieutenant-Governor. Messrs. Henderson, Hume and McKechnie are very amiable gentlemen, but they have no confidence in themselves and it would be absurd to suggest that the Lieutenant-Governor can have confidence in them as advisers. His Honor has never felt it to be his duty to inform the Colonist as to his feelings towards his alleged advisers, but we fancy that they are akin to those of the fellow, who when told that two young attorneys had been appointed to defend him exclaimed: "Both of 'em. Well, then, I plead guilty." It is little else than a farce that the affairs of this great province, in which there is so much to be done, should be in the hands of such a ministry as the present one, and the Lieutenant-Governor must realize this as fully as any one else. To suppose that he will make any effort to save their political bacon when the house turns them down is ridiculous.

MR. SIFTON.

A report from Ottawa, in which we place little credence, is that Mr. Sifton is to be asked to surrender his present portfolio, if not to retire from the cabinet. We do not believe this, because such a line of policy would be suicidal on the part of any government, and especially so on the part of the Laurier administration, seeing that it would also call for the resignation of Sir Louis Davies because of Liberal reverses in Prince Edward Island. Nevertheless the result of the Manitoba elections must be a great blow to Mr. Sifton's prestige and influence. His party will have little use for a man who cannot carry even one out of three ridings in his own constituency, and the Brandons went Conservative at the late election.

Mr. Sifton has been far from a success at the head of his department. He muddled the Yukon business scandalously. He has made experiments in immigration of very doubtful wisdom. But what is worse than all this from a party standpoint, he has made serious breaches in the ranks of the Liberals by his ill-advised methods. If the whole West is swinging over to the Conservatives, Mr. Sifton is in a great measure responsible for it. He will be retained in office no doubt; Sir Wilfrid is not likely to think of dropping him, and the longer he is there the better the chances for Conservative success. Sifton and Tarte form a combination fatal to any ministry.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

The above heading in an Eastern newspaper suggested a reference to the Colonist files of thirty years ago, and we mention some of the advertisements of that date, thinking that the names may remind the older residents of things they may have forgotten. The first advertisement in the paper is that of Sprott & Co., who represented the Royal Insurance Co., and did business on Wharf street and also sold groceries and liquors; Henry Nathan & Co. advertised groceries and liquors at their business house on Wharf street. Thomas Leit Stahl-schmidt offered pianos and saddlers hardware for sale. Jessie Cooper had a stock of boots and shoes opposite Wells, Fargo & Co.'s on Yates street. T. L. Fawcett & Co. sold sewing machines on Government street. Thomas Cameron built coaches and wagons on Cormorant street. Thomas Russell insisted that there were no beans, no chicory and no adulteration in the coffee which he sold on the corner of Fort and Blanchard. Lt. Lowenberg had money to loan and real estate for sale at his office on Government street near Broughton. Prouts & Saunders sold groceries and liquors on Johnson street. C. Frank Barnard, M. D., practised dentistry on Douglas street, south of Fort. F. J. Barnard despatched an express from Victoria every alternate Friday. T. Atsop had money to loan and real estate for sale at his office on Government street near Broughton. Hayward & Jenkinson, on Langley street, had a lot of barrels and staves for sale. J. Fried had just refurnished the St. Nicholas hotel on Government street, while F. S. Bushell & A. E. Mordaunt, who ran the "Blue

Post" on the corner of Johnson and Douglas, had just dissolved partnership. Dr. Ching Fan advertised some remarkable cures made by him. Thomas C. Nuttall was agent for the Phoenix Insurance Co. of London. R. Broderick & Co. advertised 2,240 lbs. of coal for \$11. James Trimble, mayor, and William Leech, city clerk, advertised a by-laws to provide for greater cleanliness of the city. A. Cassamayor & Co. sold tobacco and liquors, and F. Daly took photographs. Frederick Reynolds ran the London Market and was purveyor by appointment to Her Majesty's navy; and John Murray managed the Victoria Market on Johnson street. Mrs. Johnston conducted the English Bazaar on Fort street, and the Bailey hotel was in full blast on Langley street. H. Gaston called the Queen Charlotte Coal Mine Company together in special meeting. Mrs. G. Mason ran a boarding house on Fort street, between Douglas and Broad. A. H. Francis, who sold groceries, testified to the value of advertising. C. Bossi sold groceries and liquors, and William Andean ladies' underwear, oil paintings and similar things. J. H. Turner & Co. had just received a stock of goods by the Medora, and Mitchell & Johnson had 25,000 fruit trees for sale. J. Heywood wanted everyone to buy his sausages. Richard Carr had flour and feed for sale on Wharf street. Leneveu & Eckstein had just received a lot of salt. Noltemeyer Bros. sold boots and shoes. Piper Olympia oysters, and Morris Dohrin dry goods. The auctioneers were J. P. Davies & Co. and Lumley Franklin. John Weier advertised wall paper.

PARTY LINES.

Sir Charles Tupper in his Vancouver speech spoke in favor of the introduction of federal lines in local politics. It was known before that Sir Charles favored this movement, and we do not think that his public declaration to that effect will affect the situation one way or another. The people of British Columbia, while glad to hear what any one may have to say on this subject, will make up their minds for themselves, and we believe their verdict will be that federal leaders should leave provincial matters severely alone. It is quite easy to understand why gentlemen, who like Sir Charles Tupper, have spent all their lives in a contest between Conservatism and Liberalism, should desire to see these issues extended into every provincial field, but we do not believe that this view is shared by any considerable number of the people of this province.

We are very strongly of the opinion that the federal party, which seeks to introduce federal issues into local politics in British Columbia is courting a defeat, the influence of which may extend much further than the Colonist would like to see it go. At present public sentiment in this province is very strongly in favor of the Conservative party in federal politics, but if any effort is made to force federal issues into the local field, we would not care to be responsible for the result. We therefore respectfully suggest to the leaders of the Conservative party that they will do wisely to keep their hands off British Columbia's local affairs.

REPRESENTATION.

The Vancouver World deals at length with the question of redistribution. It is very frank about it and advocates the wholesale reduction of the representation of the Island, claiming that Victoria's representation should be reduced to two, that North and South Victoria should be consolidated and given one, and that the same should be done with North and South Nanaimo. It also thinks that the representation of Vancouver should be reduced one-half. It would not interfere with the Fraser river constituencies or Cassiar, but thinks the Boundary district ought to have a representative. Our contemporary cites without disapproval the contention of some that the representation of the province is "excessively large."

We do not intend to make any argument in regard to the proposal to reduce the representation of the Island constituencies, but we take issue with the claim that the province is over-represented. We are more inclined to the view that the numerical strength of the legislature may with propriety be increased from time to time. This is not a matter that can be determined by any hard and fast rule. Each province ought to have a representative suited to its special conditions.

British Columbia is very large. Its settled portions are widely separated from each other. The wants of the various sections are many and diverse. The fact that the Boundary district cries out for a representative of its own illustrates the nature of the case. This district thinks its wants cannot be properly looked after unless some one is sent to the legislature specially charged with the duty of looking after them.

The legislature will, in our opinion, act very wisely if it leaves the redistribution of representation alone until after the next census. In the meantime if it is proposed to make a new riding in the Boundary country, we do not suppose any one will seriously object.

Gen. Clery is described as a very dainty gentleman, who is roppish in his matter of clothes, rather taciturn in his habits, but a great student and a man of clear ideas. He is highly esteemed by Lord Wolseley.

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sented what occurred at a meeting in regard to the examination of the proposed Chilliwack route. Our contemporary has forgotten the circumstances. When the speaker referred to complained of the lack of information, he was told that only the \$250 was available to pay for a survey. He was also asked what he thought it would cost, and he named a sum; whereupon he was asked what he would give towards it, and he replied \$50. Mr. Renaut did say that Mr. Bell had access to the De Cosmes survey, but it was pointed out that this did not touch a vital part of the new scheme, namely, the terminals and connections with White Rock, Boundary Bay, and the availability of that point for a landing.

The war has a stimulating effect upon the poor crop. But who will write the song of the war? No one has done anything like it yet.

Will the meteorological department kindly pull out another stop? The music of the rain is all very well, but there is such a thing as overdoing it.

Mr. Tarte says he fully agrees with his colleagues in regard to the second contingent. Mr. Tarte evidently has learned the wisdom of coming in when it rains.

To-day the public examinations take place in the city schools. It would be well if as many people as possible could arrange to attend these exercises. The teachers and pupils would be thereby encouraged, and parents would learn how our schools are carried on.

Here is a question upon which some light should be thrown. The estimated cost of the Victoria-Chilliwack project is \$1,500,000. It is proposed to capitalize the company at \$2,000,000, to borrow \$500,000 on bonds and get \$500,000 from the government. This makes \$2,800,000 or \$1,300,000 more than what is alleged to be the outside cost. What is to be done with this amount?

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Suggestion That Construction of Rival Project May Be Responsible for Recent Neglect.

From the Toronto Globe.

What has become of the all-British Pacific cable scheme? Nothing has been heard of it for some months now. Does South Africa monopolize the attention of the Colonial Office to the exclusion of all other questions? However, it may concentrate attention on itself, there are circumstances which should make the subject of deep-sea cables of more than usual interest at this juncture. It was only the other day that owing to some defect in the means of communication between South Africa and the mother country the whole world was left to guess as to what was going on in the Orient. The list of the dead and wounded at Modder River was delayed in spite of the natural anxiety of relatives of soldiers to ascertain how the husband, son or father had fared in the fray. It is easy to imagine how vital such an interruption of communication between the various portions of the empire might at any time become. It would be thought, then, that now would be a particularly likely time for the Imperial government to be concerned about all projects which promised to make such isolation reasonably improbable.

It is nearly six months since we were all congratulating ourselves that every difficulty threatening the Pacific cable scheme had been overcome, and that the mysterious influences that interposed one barrier after another had at length been effectually defeated. But our hopes in this regard seem to have been ill-founded. So far as the general public can see, we are no further forward to-day than we were on the 6th of July last, when our representatives were told that the Imperial government had come over to the colonial view and had decided to construct the work along with the colonies, on the principle of partnership. That was a great point gained. It seemed the end of all difficulty, indeed, and then appeared to be nothing to do but go on with the work. Not a step in that direction seems to have been taken, however. What is the cause? We cannot suppose that a great department of the Imperial government is so ill-organized that it can only deal with one great subject at a time. The principle of the cable having been decided on by the Minister and the government, the carrying of it out would fall to the officials of the proper departments, and we cannot believe that the hundred and one interests of the empire are allowed to stand still because a war is proceeding in South Africa.

The delay is all the more annoying because it is but a chapter in a history that consists chiefly of delays. Whether rightly or wrongly, the colonies have attributed these delays in the past to the machinations of the Eastern Extension Cable Company, and it will be hard to convince them that the same influence is not still at work. This view is supported by the fact that the company has recently been negotiating with the Australian colonies with a view to gaining certain concessions in consideration of laying a cable from some point in Australia to South Africa. The concessions it desires are that it should have the privilege of receiving and delivering messages over the Australian land lines, these being owned by the various Australian governments. Against the project of laying such a cable not a word can be said, although the time seems to have come when all such works must have conditions attached to them that insure, at least, ultimate public control. Before permission was given to lay the second cable between Singapore and Hong Kong a condition was attached that the Imperial government could, upon giving twelve months' notice, assume the proprietorship by the payment of \$300,000. A similar condition should apply henceforth to every ocean cable constructed by private capital, and if it were imposed on the proposed line from Australia to South Africa, it could be welcomed as another addition to the nerve-connections of the empire.

If it is being used, however, to delay the construction of the Pacific cable, with the hope finally to Burke that project, the colonies interested should not fail to enter a prompt protest. That the News-Advertiser apparently regards the Wilson movement as an opposition affair. There have been those who though otherwise, and imagined it to be a scheme to keep the present combination temporarily in power.

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We have no end of Suitable Presents.....

For Him!

For Her!

For the Little Ones!

Fountain Pens, Dressing Cases, Shaving Sets, Writing Cases, Prang's Art Medallions, Collar and Cuff Boxes, New Stock Prayer and Hymn Books, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Best Dolls in Town, Games of all kinds, Magic Lanterns, Books by the thousands.

Xmas Stockings filled with Toys from 5cts to 30cts

SOLE AGENTS RAPHAEL TUCK'S BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS

VICTORIA BOOK & STATIONERY CO.

(LATE JAMIESON'S)

The Noted Caledonian Bakery and Confectionery Store, 112 Yates St.

THERE WILL BE A

GRAND

NEW YEAR

PRIZE DRAWING

AT THE ABOVE STORE ON

MONDAY, JAN 1, 1900

AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

For the following prizes: 1st prize

(value \$75), 1 grand, 100g. almond

and nut cake, 100g. fruit cake, 2nd

prize Large, square, artistically

ornamented rich fruit cake, 3rd

Large size rich Xmas plum pudding,

4th prize—Medium size first class

English Plum Pudding.

Tickets 25c each.

Don't fail to call and see the grand

display of Xmas and New Year confectionery which will be on exhibition during the holidays at the noted Caledonian Bakery Establishment, 112 Yates Street.

J. C. DARLING, Proprietor.

THE CHRISTMAS CARD.

"A letter, sir, for Sergeant Joseph Scott; One of your men, I think, sir; is he not?"

"He was till yesterday," the captain said.

"But now," he sighed, "go, search among

the dead."

They found him on the kopje's ghastly

crust, a shapeless, shattered thing of blood and

clay;

They found him with the bravest and the

best,

The captured guns not twenty feet away.

The captain turned the letter o'er and o'er;

A man of iron, his face was grim and hard,

At last the envelope aside he tore,

And out there dropped a little tawdry card.

He picked it up: "It's from a kid," he said.

And then he softly swore: "Too bad, too

bad";

And bit his lip, and cleared his throat, and

read:

"A merry Christmas to my dearest Dad."

They raised the dead man with his fallen

brace;

They stretched his mangled limbs in shape

of rest;

And ore they placed him in the common

grave.

They laid the little card upon his breast.

R. S.

Cowichan, B.C., 18th December, 1890.

Xmas week at Weier Bros. is a very

busy season. This year they expect a

larger business than usual. Call early

and view their interesting stocks.

Every Article Reduced to

Gearing's Sale Prices...

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VICTORIA TIDES.

[By Mr. Napier Denison.]

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel off Shoal Point, and 18.8 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Thursday, Dec. 21.		Friday, Dec. 22.	
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
7:55 a.m.	9.0 feet.	8:10 a.m.	2.6 feet.
12:40 p.m.	7.3 feet.	8:20 a.m.	8.9 feet.
4:00 p.m.	7.5 feet.	1:10 p.m.	6.5 feet.
		6:00 p.m.	8.1 feet.

Not HOW CHEAP, but HOW GOOD.

The best Life Insurance Policy on the market is issued by the Mutual Life of New York. Lowest Premiums consistent with safety and Highest Guarantees. Ask for particulars

...Heisterman & Co.

District Managers.

THE LOCAL NEWS.

Use Blue Ribbon Flavoring Extracts.

Carpenters' Tools at Cheapside.

If you have beauty,
I will take it—
If you have none
I will make it.

Savannah, Photo.

Best Lawn Mowers at Cheapside.

Smoke "Nugget Cigar," Meiss & Co.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Oriental.

Drink "Hondi," purest and best of Colonial teas.

All the tourists stay at the International Hotel, 40 Johnson street.

Air Tight Stoves, perfect beauties, at Clarke & Pearson's.

Majestic Range at Cheapside.

Gen. White is all right, so are Kelowna Cigars. Wholesale at B. C. Jobbing Co., 31 Store street.

International Restaurant. Open all night.

Fine lot of Xmax Cigars. Call and see them. Meiss & Co.

Some beautiful effects in stylish French Curtains. You should not miss them. Weiler Bros.

Please call at Russell's, 134 Douglas street, any time before Xmas. Bring the children with you. It will delight them and please you.

Mr. W. Jones, of the City Auction Mart, sells by auction to-day the stock-in-trade en bloc of No. 9 Store street.

Weekly Meeting.—The regular weekly meeting of the W.C.T.U. will take place this afternoon at the Home on Cormorant street. Mrs. Chapman will give a talk on juvenile work.

Few men are foolish enough to tell the readers of a great family unitruths about their gods. If they do they are soon found out.—"HONDI" Cayon Tea is as represented—therefore kept always before you.

To Carpenters and Contractors.—Written bids addressed "Secretary 5th Regiment Ball Committee," will be received at the Drill hall until Thursday evening next for the purchase of the 6,000 feet No. 1 T. & G. flooring contained in the dancing floor now in hall. Further particulars at Drill hall.

Holiday presents, comprising English Drums, Silver-Mounted Pipes, Shaving, Sporting and Pocket Cutlery, Skates, Boxing Gloves, Footballs, Punching Bags, Golf Goods, Fishing Tackle, Shooting Jackets, Cartridge Vests, Sporting Supplies, etc., at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

The William B. C. Directory will be published about the 1st of April or sooner, completely revised and corrected up to date. A complete index of the Mineral Act of 1896, with Revised Statutes as amended 1898 and 1899; also index to Placer Mining Act, 1891, and amendments of 1899-1900, if any, will be a new feature.

Come early and get your choice while there is a large assortment to pick from. Perfumes, Perfume Atomizers, Ebony Brushes, Mirrors, etc., Traveling Cases, Dressing Cases and a host of other good things. F. W. Pawett & Co., 49 Government street.

A Nest of Thieves.—The case of a Chinaman accused of the theft of a box of clothing was the only item of police court business yesterday, the case being conclusive, but the investigation nevertheless proceeding at length as there is every indication that the existence of a nest of Oriental thieves will be disclosed. The Chinaman on trial declared that he found the missing box in a vacant house, and took possession of it. He was sufficiently impolite to sell part of the contents, and then approach the loser with a proposal to recover his property for a consideration. The only doubtful thing

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about the case is as to whether or not the criminal on trial is not the tool of a robbers' combine.

Busy Postal Officials.—The clerks in the post office are having a busy time of it these days, handling the many packages going away by mail as holiday presents. The record of former years, it is said, has been eclipsed by the present season, which would seem to indicate that Victorians are enjoying a good measure of prosperity.

Charter List Closed.—The charter members of Banner Lodge No. 6, A.O.U.W. number 61, the list having been closed. The officers elected are: Master工作man, W. R. Atkins; P.M.W., Frank Higgins; foreman, Harry Ross; overseer, H. M. Graham; receiver, H. S. Henderson; recorder, J. E. Cowan; financier, A. G. Sargison, and trustee, A. E. Allen.

The Last Rites.—The funeral of the late Edward James Gray took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Douglas street, and the Centennial Methodist church, where the Rev. W. H. Barracough conducted a very affecting and impressive funeral service, which was largely attended by sympathizing friends of the deceased. The following gentlemen officiated as pallbearers: Messrs. Noah Shakespeare, A. J. McLellan, Walter Morris, J. P. Elford, Frank Adams, J. Hughes.

Noonday Gun For Vancouver.—The Quadra took over yesterday to Vancouver a brass nine-pounder field gun, to be used in that city for giving the daily time signal, in place of the dynamite cartridge now employed. The gun was obtained by Mr. Baynes Reed, chief of the Victoria meteorological service, from the department of militia of Lieut.-Col. Gregory. The gun will be fired by the C. P. R. Telegraph Co.

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The ground floor apartments contain the business offices, restaurant, cosy dining rooms and kitchen, the furnishings in every case of a high class. The first and second floors contain the bedrooms, 22 in number, all light, roomy, comfortable and luxuriously appointed. On each floor also are adequate bath-rooms, accommodations, and every other convenience found in a modern hotel.

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Insurance Rates May Go Up.

Underwriters' Inspector Reports
on the Fire Department's
and Waterworks

Victoria's Systems do Not Meet With His Entire Approval.

A meeting of the board of fire underwriters for Vancouver Island was held here on Monday afternoon for the purpose of receiving a report from M. D. Davenport, one of the inspectors of the Pacific Coast board on the fire and water systems of the Island cities. Mr. Davenport has just completed a tour of the Coast making reports to the various local boards on the systems within their jurisdiction. His report to the Vancouver Island board after inspecting the water systems and fire departments is that the cities have not sufficient protection against fire, the single exception being the little town of Cumberland, Comox.

The Victoria water supply does not meet with his approval, the circulating system particularly coming in for condemnation, being, he says, too many fountains and small mains. The fire, he considers insufficient. As for the fire department, in his opinion a city of the size of Victoria, with a water system such as she has, should have at least four steam engines instead of two and there should be more men, in fact like all insurance men he is in favor of a fully paid department. More fire stations, Mr. Davenport also considers necessary.

The fire fighting facilities of Nanaimo and Wellington come in for similar consideration.

The report was received by the board and action was suspended until it has been distributed among the members for consideration. It may mean an increase in the rate of insurance.

WATCHING MR. NAYLOR.

Seattle Pastors Awaiting the Appearance of the "Evangelist."

The expose made by the Colonist a few days ago of the peculiar record of "Evangelist" Naylor, whose series of lectures arranged to be given in this city under the auspices of the Salvation Army were cut short in a rather sensational manner, seems to have directed attention anew to the reverend gentleman. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer in its Tuesday issue says:

"The Methodist ministers of Seattle sat expectant at the regular Monday morning meeting of the First Methodist Episcopal church yesterday. They awaited the coming of the Rev. Isaac Naylor, evangelist, who had been summoned to appear and answer the charges made against him. But no Mr. Naylor appeared, either in the body or in the spirit, though the rumor is still current that he recently arrived in the city. The ministers do not know where the evangelist is, though he was last heard from a few weeks ago at Victoria, B. C., when, after the sensational breaking up of a Salvation Army meeting he was conducting, he declared his purpose to return to Seattle and refute the charges. The ministers have almost abandoned the hope that he will come."

"When Rev. Mr. Naylor left Seattle he announced his intention of going to Astoria, Ore., to hold a revival, but he was next heard in Victoria. It was after he had gone that his alleged misdeeds became known here, and a letter was sent to Astoria by the committee appointed to investigate the charges, calling him back for an explanation. The date of this letter was November 10 last. A second letter was sent, but no reply has been received from either one. Of course, being in Victoria, Rev. Mr. Naylor could not reply from Astoria, and it has been learned that stacks of letters are piled up there awaiting his coming.

"While it has not been the intention of the local Methodist ministers or their special committee to condemn Evangelist Naylor without a full and fair hearing, at the same time the position they took in deciding to demand an explanation has all along, it is claimed, been fortified by white and black. The evangelist has been on the gridiron before, up in New Westminster, and information of an alleged deserted wife and five children came over to this country from England early in October last. Rev. Dr. Buckland, editor of the Christian Advocate, published in New York City, was the first to receive it. Then it travelled to Jesse Bowman Young at St. Louis, Mo., editor of the Central Christian Advocate, and thence to the Coast and Puget Sound."

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

The Queen City and Danube Sail—The Idzumi Maru in.

With good freight and passenger lists, the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Queen City sailed for West Coast ports last evening with fair freight and passenger lists, among the latter being Mr. Dickson, Mr. Wade and twelve members of the Northwest Mounted Police, the latter going North to fill vacancies among the contingent stationed at Dawson.

Steamer Idzumi Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamship Company, arrived yesterday morning from Oriental ports with 3,000 tons of freight and a light passenger list, after a very rough trip. She brought four saloon passengers—two missionary families returning from their labors in China. The vessel landed at this port 1,889 packages of oranges, rice and Chinese and Japanese merchandise.

Mrs. J. Conroy, Mrs. A. Holland, Oscar Hallinan, E. B. Ladner, Mrs. Lee, Miss J. Saunders, Mrs. G. M. Glass, Miss M. Merriman and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, were passengers for San Francisco sailing on the *Umatilla*, which left last evening.

The R. M. S. Empress of China arrived at Yokohama on Tuesday last from this port.

Ministers, Lawyers, Teachers, and others, whose occupation gives but little exercise, should use Carter's Little Liver Pills for constipation and biliousness. One's a dose, Try them.

Letters to the Editor.

ANTI-BRITISH CITIZENS.

Sir: Referring to the letter by "An Englishman" under "Patriotism and Cakes" in this morning's issue of the Colonist, while I am glad to see that an Englishman will occasionally stoop from his high level and express a disapproval of the antagonism of not a few of the citizens of this city to anything British, I would rather he had gone further and not only mentioned the shop referred to but also signed his name to his letter. A certain number of people, fellow citizens amongst us, who make comfortable living through their daily business transactions mostly with Britishers and have all the protection of British courts and British laws, with equal rights accorded British subjects and will humiliates their manhood by accepting the protection of a flag that they abhor, and gradually become well-to-do through the patronage of a people they would gladly see despoiled of all they possess, is something that all loyal British subjects should resent in no unmissable manner. We should deal with this class of Boers as our neighbors across the line do with the anti-American element—that is, do not deal with them at all, and then we would perhaps get rid of a very undesirable few to the benefit of good, loyal tradespeople. It is the high and lofty superciliousness, with not a little superciliousness to the opinion of their colonials of foreign origin, on the part of Englishmen that has permitted the growth of a widespread hostility to England which, had it been nipped in the bud with a firm hand, would have spared to many a mourning mother, wife and daughter, the valued lives of dearly loved sons, husbands and fathers. Let us be true to our country and to each other in a practical manner, and we will the sooner put a stop to the sneer and basely behaviour of those to whom "An Englishman" makes reference.

RICHARD HALL.

"THERE ARE OTHERS."

Sir: Under the mention in this morning's Colonist of "Setting Himself Right," I notice my name is used, for which I have no authority as I have not been in any way connected with the sailor's story therein referred to and as I believe I am the only George Carter in Victoria I trust you will set me right before the public.

GEORGE CARTER,
Commission Merchant.

[Our correspondent is not the George Carter referred to. This is one more instance of the invariable rule that "there are others." Ed. Colonist.]

"LEST WE FORGET."

Sir: It is often now asserted that it is beyond the capacity of any European to accomplish what Britain has done, namely, transport across 9,000 miles of ocean 120,000 troops and equipment. But did not Spain though bankrupt and crippled, send 200,000 troops to Cuba during the last rebellion and 30,000 troops to the Philippines, and Spain only considered a second rate power?

J. M. M.

TO DEVONIANS.

Sir: The Yorkshiremen in the city are forming a club and I think it is high time Devonians should follow suit. I am sure there will be no difficulty in finding many Devonians and Sons of Devonians occupying prominent positions in Victoria who have it in their power to carry this through successfully. Such clubs are always of great social value to the members and invariably result in counter-patronizing in business. Will some prominent gentlemen declare themselves Devonians or Sons of Devonians and start the ball a-rolling?

A DEVONIAN.

WEST COAST TELEGRAPH LINE.

Sir:—We have ample evidence this week of reports of wrecks on the West Coast as to the disorganized state of the telegraph line, which I believe has now been down since November 16. From some letters I have received I am led to suppose greatly underestimated the truth regarding the condition in a former letter. It is perfectly clear that as long as this government line is leased by the C. P. R., especially for the use of reporting the arrival of the C. P. R. Empress steamers, at which time the line is usually in good working order, it will be used for no other purpose.

Not only do all the local shipping interests complain about this state of things, as well as those on the American side. But recently the Japanese line of steamers just starting to call at Victoria have lodged a complaint about it at Ottawa. If this negligence continues under the influence of the C. P. R. we may expect to see, as we see this week, such that might have been saved, lives jeopardized through gross neglect of duty on the part of officials who are encouraged to act as they do. The only report we may expect to have given by local steamers, who bring back the wrecked passengers, with reports. What is absolutely needed is, that a powerful tug boat should be ready in one of the harbours, San Juan or Alberni, in daily communication with this line of telegraph along the coast, to proceed without delay to the rescue of ships in distress. Anything in the shape of lifeboats would be useless at the present on this coast. I believe some years ago this plan of having a good tug boat was suggested by government and the telegraph laid to that purpose. But no movement was made by any enterprise and the whole matter was dropped. It might meet with approval now, and the time is ripe for a change, but it can only be by a local combination to get things right, and a determination that this gross neglect shall not continue.

I have for supposing that both operators and line men on this telegraph line have other occupations more lucrative and less hazardous than attending to the line. If the one concern one runs a stage, another the post office, others are farmers. There is no reason why they should not continue such a plan, paid official, at from \$60 to \$100 a month, who would generally suppose the line is the first duty. Let it be so and there would be no complaint from the public.

Three years ago a petition was put up and signed by residents in Victoria to obtain a more efficient line. In our local meteorological office with daily reports of the weather. The department at Ottawa immediately granted that requested by an annual grant of \$2,000 for the purpose, and woke up the officials to their duty. It seems to me that a similar transformation might occur in the local telegraph department, provided the government took it in hand. A petition now lies ready to be signed by any parties who are interested in local shipping matters at the office of the Board of Trade buildings.

W. G. H. ELLISON,
Harbor Chaplain.

December 16, 1892.

Are free from all sorts and irritations after. Concentrated medicine only. Carter's Little Liver Pill. Very small; very easy to take; no pain; no griping; no purging. Try them.

Eight Hour Law Illustrated.

Dominion Commissioner Hears in Detail of the Blight Upon Slocan.

Prosperous Workmen Driven From Occupations—Well Satisfied Before.

From the Nelson Miner, Dec. 14.

Commissioner R. C. Clute, appointed by the Dominion government to inquire into the conditions affecting the mining interests of British Columbia, the alleged importation of alien labor, etc., opened court in Nelson yesterday, but as no previous notice had been given of the sitting, the attendance was small. There were only two witnesses examined—in fact only two were available.

Mr. R. H. Tolmie was the first witness examined. He deposed:

"I am general secretary for the Silver-Mines Association of Slocan, and the Nelson District Association. The district covered by these associations are the Slocan and Nelson mining divisions. The members of the association include the principal mine owners in these districts." Asked if he was acquainted with the rate of wages ruling in the Slocan prior to 1st of June last, he said it was \$3.50 for a day of ten hours.

Mr. Clute said he had been informed that a nine hour shift prevailed at night.

Witness was asked what action had been taken by his association to procure miners for the mines in the district.

Mr. Tolmie replied that men were advertised for at these rates: Hand drillers, \$3; machine men, \$3.50; miners in shafts, \$3.50 to \$4; carmen, \$2.50 to \$3; shovellers, \$2.50; laborers, \$2.50; blacksmiths, \$3.50 to \$4; timbermen, \$3.50 to \$4.

"What did you do to procure men at the rate of wages advertised?" asked Mr. Clute.

"I had several enquires in response to the advertisements, and answered them," was the reply.

"What else did you do?"

"That was as far as my duties as secretary went. When men came to me in Sandon and applied for work I directed them to the mines."

"Did you come?"

"Not more than a dozen interviewed me directly."

"Did you go to any of the United States cities to procure help?"

"I did not. I did not enter into any contract for the introduction of alien labor, nor did I get any one to act for me. No such contracts were entered into by me. I believe that up to May, 1890, the feeling between mine owners and miners was perfectly harmonious."

"Has there been a breach of the alien labor law in southern British Columbia to your knowledge?"

"Not to my knowledge," replied the witness.

Mr. Campbell asked witness if he was aware of the number of men the Silver-Mines Association had.

He answered: "They advertised for 2,500 men. With the mines in full operation about that number would be required."

Witness: "Not at present."

To Mr. Campbell—"Of the dozen or so men who applied to me I can only recall one who went to work."

"What reasons did these men assign for not going to work?"

"Two of them told me that they were not by the union men and told not to go to work."

Mr. J. J. Campbell deposed: "I am connected with the Hall Mines assistant manager and chief accountant, and am secretary of the Nelson Mines Association."

Mr. Clute: "Are the conditions between Slocan and Nelson different?"

Witness: "Yes, and not alone between the two divisions, but also between mines in the Slocan."

Witness proceeded to explain the differences, and added that the conditions which would induce men to choose would be the proximity of the mine to town, the bungalow accommodation, etc., rather than the quality of the ore. Most of the mines in the Nelson division were at work.

Witness: "Have you had any difficulty in getting men at the Silver King?"

"Yes, during the current year. Until the eight hour law was established I never heard of difficulties of any kind between the men and the mine owners."

His relations with the men at the Hall Mines are pleasant enough now. We require more men now, and although our relations are pleasant we have not done as much work or employed as many men. We find a difficulty in getting skilled miners. The demand is greater than the supply. There has been no strike or shut down in the Silver King."

Mr. Clute invited any of the working miners present to testify.

One of the union men explained that their principal officer, Mr. Wilks, was away at Moyle, and would be back next evening. The speaker said that he did not think any of the men would care to give evidence until Mr. Wilks' return.

There being no other available witness, the court adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

(Nelson Tribune, Dec. 15.)

Commissioner Clute held another session of his inquiry at the court house yesterday. The witnesses who testified represented the mine owners exclusively. Mr. Clute drew attention to the fact that before his mission the closed representatives of the workmen of miners' union would offer their testimony in order that the inquiry might attain the fullest possible scope. J. C. Campbell, secretary Nelson Miners' Association, was again present.

The first witness called was Robert W. Graham, a machine man, who has been employed at the Silver King mine for the past year. He testified that he had been doing contract work. During the month of November he had made \$3.50 per day. In July and August with overtime he averaged \$5.40. For the first three months he was there he averaged \$4, and the last three,

he said he could do as much work in eight hours as ten. Four men, including himself, working together, however, had not accomplished as much as would have been the case in ten hours. In machine work one could not get as much work out of a machine in eight hours as in ten.

With the average men he would say that employers would get more value out of men hired under the ten-hour system,

in his opinion there was not enough miners.

Miners were constantly wanted up where he was working. He was not a member of the union.

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HOT SPRINGS

Mr. Campbell: "What was the feeling among the miners about the introduction of the eight-hour law?"

The witness: "There did not seem to be any great desire for the law, but of course all were glad to see it when it came."

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Dec. 16.—The Golconda, Smith's camp, is showing up splendidly under development. The company is running a tunnel at a depth of 200 feet to strike the old shaft at 350 or 400 feet distant. They are now in 70 feet and are drifting on a vein of splendid looking ore which was encountered at 40 feet from the mouth, after passing through 12 feet of blue lime rock. The ore here is in a blind vein, not being exposed on the surface, and was quite unexpected. The lead is a well mineralized quartz, carrying iron pyrites, and it is anticipated that a very large body of ore will be met with as soon as the main lead is tapped. It is the intention, as soon as the tunnel is driven to a point directly under the old shaft, to make an upraise. Six men are at work, and all expenses, etc., have been erected.

All the mills at Fairview, it is understood, have closed down for the season. The Granite and Banner, Camp McKinnon, have ceased operations. It is understood that there are negotiations proceeding in the East for the purchase of this camp.

City Engineer C. E. Alston is engaged in making investigations as to the possibility of obtaining water supply from Boundary creek north of the city. He is finding the fall from Hall's ranch to the city, and when that has been ascertained he will be in a position to know whether or not it will be necessary to go further up the creek. It is probable, however, that it will be necessary to do so. The city engineer strongly favors a system of gravity as opposed to a pumping station, and says it will pay the city to incur a much greater initial cost in conveying the water by pipes than erecting a pumping station which will entail a constant expenditure for operation and maintenance. It will be necessary to go high enough up in order to bring the water to the highest residential points. After the waterworks investigation has been concluded, the question of sewerage and drains will next have to be considered, and Mr. Alston is in communication with various cities as to septic tank and other systems which would be adapted to the conditions of this city.

GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Dec. 13.—B. M. McEntee, manager of the Review, Myers Creek, arrived in town on Monday. He says that they are drifting on the 200-foot level with a well defined lead six or seven feet wide. Six men are at work. The property never looked better than it does at the present time. The bunk house has been completed and so also has the survey of the claim.

R. Meachin, mining broker, Montreal, and Mr. Ernest Beck, attorney, Chesa, arrived in the city on Sunday from Myers Creek and are at the Armstrong. Mr. Meachin, during his visit, to that camp purchased the Poland China group and number of other smaller claims for a Montreal company. The Poland China, next to the Review, is being developed. Mr. Meachin will remain here all winter and negotiate himself with the district generally. Mr. Peck returned to Chesa yesterday.

Fred. Oliver, Spokane, returned here on Monday and is engaged in superintending the development of the Greyhound and this property has a surface showing of between 150 and 200 feet and a shaft about thirty feet deep. A steam hoist has been purchased and shipped from Rosland on Monday. It is the intention of Mr. Oliver to sink to the 100-foot level and crosscut the drift.

The Morrison, which is now perhaps one of the best known on the stock market has been closed down pending the reorganization of the company. It is understood that the property is being taken hold of by a strong British company and will be incorporated for. It is thought about one million and a half in Montreal. The reorganization Mr. Oliver says will place this mine on a much better basis.

R. E. GOSNELL.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Dec. 16.—Dave Evans has resigned the superintendence of the Earthquake to accept a similar position with the Hartford, Conn.

A petition asking the Provincial government to contribute \$2,400 towards the construction of a bridge across the north fork of Kettle River, near the mouth of Pass Creek, 14 miles from Grand Forks, has been extensively signed by various Boundary towns. The only structure across the river is at Grand Forks, and miners in the upper camps who desire to cross the streams in high water are unable to do so at any nearer point. In the position, which originated with J. D. Soars, of this city, it is pointed out that the proposed structure will greatly facilitate travel between the various camps. Mr. Soars has offered to donate the right of way across his

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MONTREAL'S ELEVATORS.

Baileys Promoter Objects to Further Cutting of Profits of the Enterprise.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—W. J. Conners, head of the syndicate, hearing his name which proposes to erect grain elevators in Montreal harbor, had an interview with the harbor board to-day. Since the last interview, the board, pressed by local interests, has been adding protection clauses to the agreement. At today's meeting Mr. Conners stated bluntly that this had to stop. They had reached a business-like agreement, and if the harbor board proposed to go on changing it, thus making the provisions more severe, they could get somebody else to build their elevators.

The board entered into a clause by clause discussion of the agreement, which was not concluded when the meeting adjourned.

SPAIN'S NAVAL BUDGET.

Madrid, Dec. 19.—The chamber of deputies to-day, by a vote of 154 against 94, adopted the naval budget.

KIDNAPING TO THE VOLUNTEERS.

London, Dec. 19.—Mr. Rudyard Kipling addressed a meeting at Rottingdean last evening, called for the purpose of forming a Volunteer company.

A WRESTLING BOUT.

Detroit, Dec. 18.—After 17 minutes of the hardest kind of wrestling to-night, Tom Jenkins of Cleveland was given the decision in a wrestling bout with Kara Osman, the Turkish wrestler.

AGUINALDO'S REFUGE.

Manila, Dec. 18.—Gen. Grant has discovered hidden in Subig bay a steamer, the Bol Francisco, fully equipped and loaded. She is supposed to be the vessel Aguinaldo was keeping ready for his escape.

ON CALLING TERMS.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 18.—Spain, Italy and Germany have recently indicated their recognition of President Castro's government, which has now been generally recognized by all nations.

RAILWAY FREIGHT RATES.

New York, Dec. 19.—As a result of the protests of shippers the interstate commerce committee has set December 12 for hearing the proposed advance in railway rates. New York merchants claim that the proposed advance is so radical as to create a very serious disturbance in trade relations.

A CONSPIRING DEPUTY.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Marcel Habert, member of the chamber of deputies for Ramboillet, who is one of the defendants in the conspiracy trial now in progress before the senate, sitting as a high court, made his first appearance before the tribunal to-day. He was placed under arrest and imprisoned.

CONSUL AT PRETORIA.

Washington, Dec. 19.—United States Consul Coffin has sent a cable despatch to the state department announcing his arrival at Pretoria Monday morning.

He will act as consul until the arrival there of Adelbert Hay. Mr. Macrann, whom he relieves at Pretoria, was to sail from Lorenzo Marques.

A WORRIED CABINET.

London, Dec. 19.—A special despatch from Vienna announces that in consequence of the paralysis of parliamentary business due to persistent Czech obstruction, the Austrian cabinet, headed by Count Clary Aldringen, which was formed last October to succeed the ministry of Count Thun Holstein, will resign to-day (Tuesday).

DUTCH ARE OFFENSIVE.

London, Dec. 19.—The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Antwerp. "The British and American ministers at The Hague have asked permission to retire to Antwerp, with a view of avoiding personal unpleasantness to be met with to persistent Czech obstruction, the Austrian cabinet, headed by Count Clary Aldringen, which was formed last October to succeed the ministry of Count Thun Holstein, will resign to-day (Tuesday).

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This morning at 10 o'clock an election was held at the school house for three fire wardens. W. R. Williams, J. F. Heminway and G. W. Rumberger were the only nominees, and were elected by acclamation.—Pioneer, Dec. 9.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 20.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

The weather conditions in the province continue to be very unsettled. An area of low pressure still remains in the interior, starting from California to Vancouver Island, where it meets the low area from the north; and heavy rains have been general over the Straits and Sound. A maximum hourly rainfall of 1.50 inches has been recorded from Fort Rodd. Moderate weather has been general throughout the Northwest.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min. Max.
Victoria	39 49
New Westminster	36 44
Kamloops	32 40
Barkerville
Calgary	20 44
Whistler	39 44
Victoria, Ore.	36 48
San Francisco	38 48

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time)
Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity.—Fris. to strong east-
erly and southerly winds, increasing in
force on the coast; unsettled, with rains.

Lower Mainland.—Moderate winds; un-
settled with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observ-
ations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5
p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20.

The velocity and direction of the wind
were as follows:

Deg. Dec.

5 a.m.....16 Mean.....44

Noon.....47 Highest.....49

5 p.m.....48 Lowest.....39

The velocity and direction of the wind
were as follows:

5 a.m.....12 miles east.

5 p.m.....26 miles southeast.

Average state of weather—Rain.

Rain—51 inch.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.088

Corrected.....30.111

Passengers.

By steamer Victoria from the Sound:

Miss Ray. F. D. Wright.

Mrs. Weston. Miss Gregg.

E. Williams. Miss Weston.

Mrs. Marshall. C. M. Borde.

T. Harmon. G. Heasley.

Robt. Young.

By steamer Charmer from Vancouver:

R. Cunningham. Robt. Irving.

J. H. Gray. C. W. D. Clifford.

C. A. Holland. Max. Leiser.

E. E. Welch. R. Burns.

E. A. Ely. Mrs. Burns.

R. F. John. E. C. Jennings.

C. H. Topp. Mrs. Topp.

E. F. Gehr. S. McLeary.

E. F. Gehr. Sam. Topp.

E. F. Gehr. F. J. Buttner.

H. F. Keeler. P. W. Thompson.

R. Dougherty. G. Hurley.

A. Stacey. R. Whittaker.

Mrs. C. Porter. G. L. Brown.

Mrs. B. Bratt. D. R. A. Brown.

E. A. Morris. J. C. Devlin.

E. Wollaston. T. Furnell.

E. Christian. D. Wilson.

J. C. McLaren. Mrs. A. Holland.

Mrs. A. Marshall. J. D. Campbell.

Mrs. Irving. J. Crowley.

G. H. Brown. W. Remson.

O. J. Ross.

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P. F. C. W. D. Clifford.

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Langley & Co. W. H. Adams.

Aibron Iron Wks. Viel, T. & D. Co.

Dom. Ex. Co. Giant Powder Co.

Mrs. McElhenny. From the Sound:

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S. Leiser & Co. L. Goodale.

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J. H. Good. F. A. Stewart & Co.

Wilson Bros. R. P. Hether.

Jay Co. A. McGregor & Son.

Hunter Bros. Earsman, H. & Co.

MAKING LAWS FOR NOME.

Washington Gives Attention to Helpless Condition of the District.

Washington, Dec. 19.—At the cabinet meeting to-day there was a discussion of the situation in Alaska, which according to the views of the President and the members of the cabinet, required the immediate attention of congress. It was estimated that during the coming summer there would be from 20,000 to 40,000 people in the vicinity of Cape Nome without laws, or means of enforcing such laws as the better class of men might improvise.

The freight rates by river steamers from the Coast to Hazelton have been high, owing to the small amount of freight to be carried and to the obstructions to navigation, which the Dominion government have now got men at work removing. With enough work to justify steamers, above and below the canyon, transferring freight without loss of time, it is safe to say that the rate of \$50 per ton up the Skeena could be materially reduced, and the rate paid the packers

from Hazelton to Omineca is more than a fair rate for the distance.

On the other hand, the rates from Ashcroft to Omineca are not profitable to the carriers, having been cut to pieces, especially on the wagon road, through competition.

It is not our wish to oppose the opening up of the country, and we would point out that for farming or stock-raising purposes the valleys between Quesnelle and Omineca are of equal value. Neither would be of any value as traffic feeders of the wagon roads for shipment outwards, but both would in time produce cattle and grain and other crops for local consumption, and for shipment to Omineca.

If your government considers that the value of the Omineca mines is sufficiently assured to justify the building of wagon roads to carry its traffic, we have only to ask that you will deal fairly with both routes, and build half a mile of wagon road from Hazelton towards Omineca for each mile you build from Quesnelle.

We have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servants.
(Signed by many Victorians).

Mr. Clifford announced that the Vancouver board of trade had taken the matter up, Senator Reid advocating the Quesnelle route, and the speaker the Skeena-Hazelton route. The Vancouver board had referred the matter to a special committee. He could see that the members were favorable to the Skeena route, and were sorry that they had been so hasty in some weeks ago recommending the Quesnelle route to the government. The Skeena route was undoubtedly the best one. Senator Reid had at Vancouver given the whole thing away by stating that all the Cariboo people wanted was a road to Quesnelle.

In answer to a question it was stated that steamers of 100 tons burden were now running from Port Essington to Hazelton, and larger steamers could be built on.

Mr. Clifford referred to his trip from Kitimat to the village on the Skeena. There was very little grade, the highest point being 400 feet high. It was the only valley through the Coast range between Vancouver and Juneau. Large ocean steamers could land at Kitimat, and in fact he considered that the natural entrance for a wagon road to the Omineca, Cassiar, Atlin and Yukon mining districts. A road through the valley could be kept open the whole year, although of course it would be cheaper to use the river when it was open. The building of the road would open up a splendid country.

In answer to a question it was said that with lots of business the freight rates from Essington to Hazelton could be greatly reduced, and the goods could be taken in half the time as by the Quesnelle route.

Mr. McCandless said he was very favorably impressed with the Skeena route. Even if the rates and time were as great as by the Quesnelle route, it would be to the interest of the Coast cities to have the Skeena route opened up. He, however, would prefer to have the question deferred.

Mr. Shallerross argued that as a general principle Victorians should advocate opening up routes from the coast. He moved as follows, the motion being seconded by Mr. Leiser and carried:

"That in the opinion of this board the proper policy for British Columbia to adopt is wherever possible to open up the interior of the province by the shorter routes from the coast, as by this means the cost of delivery of goods in the interior will be reduced to the lowest point possible, and which will build up the trade and industries of the province."

The question was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. McCandless, McQuade, Shallerross and Leiser.

The Hon. J. I. Tarte, minister of public works, wrote that Mr. Roy, the resident government engineer, had been instructed to make a survey of the harbor for the dredging proposed by the board. This was received and filed.

The secretary of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum was present to state that the officers of the British Columbia board had been appointed members of the international advisory board, and asked that Dr. J. W. P. Wilson, a director, and Mr. W. H. Scott, chief of the foreign department, be made honorary members of the British Columbia board. It will be recommended at the next general meeting that the request be granted.

From the secretary of the congress of chambers of commerce of the Empire came an invitation to offer resolutions at the meeting to be held next year. In connection with this came a request from the Toronto board that the following resolution to be submitted at the meeting of the congress be endorsed:

"SKEENA ROUTE. Miles.
Port Essington to Hazelton 160
Hazelton to Omineca 150
Total 310

QUESNELLE ROUTE. Miles.

Vancouver to Ashcroft 203
Ashcroft to Quesnelle 220
Quesnelle to Omineca 250
Total 673

In the above comparison, Vancouver and Port Essington are treated as Coast terminals, and the interior is 50 miles north of Vancouver, and the freight rate by ocean steamer is only \$3 per ton.

Owing to the fact that there is railway connection with Ashcroft, and a wagon road thence to Quesnelle, the difference in the cost of transportation by the two routes is not in proportion to the difference in distance, but the advantages largely with the Skeena route, as is shown hereunder:

SKEENA ROUTE. Per Ton.
Vancouver to Port Essington \$ 3.00
Wharfage to Port Essington 1.00
Port Essington to Hazelton 50.00
Hazelton to Omineca 180.00
Total \$234.00

QUESNELLE ROUTE. Per Ton.
Vancouver to Ashcroft (average) \$ 17.00
Forwarding charges, Ashcroft 99.99
Ashcroft to Quesnelle 99.99
Quesnelle to Omineca (Manson Creek) 240.00
Total \$320.00

The difference in cost for the present season has been, as above, no less than \$86 per ton, and the rates between Port Essington and Omineca points are much more profitable to the carriers than those between Ashcroft and Omineca.

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